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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL AGENDA MARCH 15

REF: GENEVA 915

1. COUNCIL TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED MARCH 15 (SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE BY CHAIRMAN WHO RETURNS GENEVA MARCH 4). PROBABLE AGENDA ITEMS WITH MISSION COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ROMANIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF (L/3989). ITEM ON AGENDA PER EC REQUEST. MISSION COMMENTS IN GENEVA 635. SEC EXPECTS COUNCIL WILL ESTABLISH WORKING PARTY TO EXAMINE POLICY ASPECTS OF TARIFF AND PULISHED IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS (BUT OT RPT NOT ACCEPT- ABILITY OF PARTICULAR TARIFF LEVELS). QUESTION AND ANSWER PROCEDURE LIKELY BE ADOPTED AND DATES FIXED THEREFOR. ROMANIA HAS TOLD SEC IT IS ANXIOUS TO DEFER ACTUAL MEETING OF WP (WHICH ROMANIA WILL ACCEPT) UNTIL AFTER SUMMER HOLIDAYS. ONE REASON GIVEN IS ROMANIAN

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DESIRE TO COLLECT AND PRESENT TO WP IMPORT STATISTICS DURING EARLY

MONTHS 1974, ANTICIPATING THIS WILL SHOW NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON ROMANIAN IMPORTS FROM CPS. MISSION RECOMMENDATION: BEARING IN MIND OUR ARTICLE XXXV STATUS, SUGGEST WE AVOID TAKING FLOOR IF POSSIBLE AND ACCEPT WHATEVER PROCEDURAL HANDLING AND DATES GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER CPS. IF WP ESTABLISHED, RECOMMEND U. S. PARTICIPATE (SEC INTENDS PROPOSE WP TO BE OPEN TO ANY INTERESTED CP).

B. EC-NORWAY (L/3996). ROUTINE ADOPTION OF REPORT CONTAINING TRADITIONAL DIFFERENCES OF VIEW EXPECTED.

C. EC-TURKEY, REF GENEVA 572. UNLESS JAPANESE RECEIVE NEW INSTRUCTIONS, WP WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITH Q AND A PROCEDURE. RECOMMEND WE ACQUIESCE IN SILENCE BUT DRAW ON STATE 16722 IF THERE IS DISCUSSION OF WHETHER TO SET UP WP.

D. PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF COLOMBIA (L/3997 AND GENEVA 888). WP ESTABLISHED IN 1969 WILL BE REACTIVATED. SUGGEST WE SUPPORT DATE AT LEAST ONE MONTH AFTER RECEIPT OF COLOMBIAN MEMO ON TRADE POLICY (NOT YET RECEIVED).

E. YUGOSLAV WAIVER FOR 26 LEAST DEVELOPED (L/3999 AND GENEVA 1035). SEC EXPECTS COUNCIL WILL ESTABLISH WP TO EXAMINE. MISSION AGREES IT SHOULD BE HANDLED THIS WAY.

F. EC-LEBANON. TEXT OF ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT EXPECTED BE CIRCULATED ABOUT MARCH 8. COUNCIL WILL ESTABLISH WP AND Q AND A PROCEDURE.

G. BRAZILIAN REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF ARTICLE XXVIII TIME LIMIT FOR GOB-UK NEGOTIATIONS (L/3993 AND STATE 244334). SUGGEST

WE SUPPORT.

H. INDIAN WAIVER FOR AUXILIARY DUTY OF CUSTOMS (L/3969). INDIAN REP SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER EXTENSION NEEDED BEYOND MARCH 31. MISSION WILL ADVISE LATER.

2. SEC ADVISED US NO CP THUS FAR HAS REQUESTED INSCRIPTION OF ICELANDIC DISINVOCATION OF ARTICLE XXII (GENEVA 812). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ICELANDIC REP PRIVATELY INDICATED TO US YESTERDAY B/O IMPACT OF OIL IMPORT COSTS MAY SOON REQUIRE ICELAND TO RE-INVOKE ARTICLE XII.DALE

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